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SUBJECT: NUMAYRI'S MESSAGE TO AMIN ON KHARTOUM MURDERS; SOUTHERN SUDANESE REFUGEES; UGANDAN AIR FORCE NEW SQUADRON

1. SUDANESE AMBASSADOR, MAJ GEN ABDEL- GADIR, MET WITH PRESIDENT AMIN APRIL 3 TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM NUMAYRI RESPONDING TO AMIN'S MESSAGE OF MARCH 8 ASKING (THOUGH NOT IN SO MANY WORDS) CLEMENCY FOR BLACK SEPTEMBER TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR KHARTOUM MURDERS. MESSAGE FROM NUMAYRO, WHICH ABDEL- GADIR SHOWED ME: (A) REFERRED TO "INCURSION" BY BLACK SEPTEMBER IN KHARTOUM AND "VIOLATION OF SANCITY OF SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY;" (B) THANKED AMIN FOR HIS "SYMPATHY" IN DIFFICULT SITUATION EXPERIENCED BY GOS AS RESULT KHARTOUM INCIDENT; (C) GAVE ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED GOS SUPPORT FOR CASUE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE; (D) STATED THAT IN NUMAYRI'S OWN ASSESSMENT KHARTOUM INCIDENT WAS A "PLAIN CRIME" AND VIOLATON OF SUDANESE LAWS, HE WOULD PERMIT SUDANESE JUDICIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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PROCESS TO OPERATE NORMALLY, AND WAS CONVINCED JUDGMENT WOULD BE "JUST AND REASONABLE;" (E) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AMIN'S SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSE. ACCORDING ABDEL-GADIR, AMIN MADE LITTLE COMMENT ON MESSAGE BUT APPEARED TO ACCEPT IT AS FRIENDLY.

2. ABDEL- GADIR USED OCCASION TO OBTAIN AMIN'S AGREEMENT TO PROJECT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM MADI OPEI IN NORTHERN ACHOLI TO MOSINGO (ACROSS BORDER IN SUDAN) TO FACILITATE REPATRIATION OF SOUTHERN SUDANESE REFUGEES FROM NORTHEASTERN LIGANDA

WHO HERETOFORE HAVE HAD TO RETURN VIA JUBA. AMIN ALSO APPROVED MOVEMENT INTO SUDAN OF CATTLE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, MONEY AND TRADERS'

STOCK WHICH HAD BEEN CONFISCATED FROM RETURNING REFUGEES BY GOU AUTHORITIES.

- 3. SPECULATING ON DONOR OF AMIN'S NEW "SQUADRON" OF FIGHTER-BOMBERS ATTACHED TO HIS NEW MECHANIZED SIMBA BRIGADE ON SOUTHERN FRONT, ABDEL-GADIR HAS COME TO CONSLUSION THAT SOURCE MUST HAVE BEEN LIBYA, THOUGH HE BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE AMIN PURCHASED PLANES FROM FRANCE OR LIBYA, PERHAPS USING SAUDI MONEY HE RECENTLY RECEIVED IN CAS 53 MILLION SHILLINGS). ABDEL-GADIR HEAVILY DISCOUNTS ANY SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THIS MILITARY HARDWARE ACQUISITION.
- 4. ADDITIONAL DETAILS BY AIRGRAM. KEELEY

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